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Minutes for the Meeting of March 30, 2011

Board Members Present: Mertin Betts (chair) Alexandra Detjens, Susan Melucci, Martin Small **City Staff Present:** Acting Executive Secretary Brian Corr, Deputy Superintendent Christine Elow,

Investigative Liaison Joseph Johnson, and Lieutenant George Sabbey

Public Present: Brigitt Keller, Bishop Felipe Teixeira

The meeting began at 6:05 PM

The meeting began with public comment. Brigitt Keller noted that had been notable improvement in the webpages of the Police Review & Advisory Board (PRAB). Bishop Teixeira inquired about the Board's follow-up to the questions he posed about what information about specific cases is available to the public and the cancellation of previous meetings of the Board. Acting Executive Secretary Corr briefly explained what information is public and that meetings had been cancelled due to a snowstorm and a training session on the new Massachusetts Open Meeting Law. He also explained that the Board has heard his inquiries and had taken them under advisement, but was not obligated to provide an official response.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the December meeting and approved them with minor corrections.

Acting Executive Secretary Corr reported on his participation in a Restorative Justice training with members of the CPD Youth and Family Services Unit. He also reported on the PRAB budget and explained there were no reductions or increases from the current fiscal year.

Superintendent Elow reported on the Cambridge Police Department's in-service training program on legitimacy, focusing on the issue of reciprocation of respect in interactions between police officers and the public. She reported that the Commissioner is drafting revised policy on disorderly conduct arrests that will provide additional guidelines and increase documentation. In addition, Superintendent Elow reported that the CDP will conduct annual performance reviews of tactical disengagements, patterns of behavior and positive interactions.

The Board discussed trainings and scheduled walk along/ride along for staff and board members.

Board member Melucci moved to go into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. chap. 39, s.23B(2). The motion was seconded by Board member Small and approved in a unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM after executive session.